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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS' PRC VISAS

1. FOX BUTTERFIELD OF THE NEW YORK TIMES CALLED SEPTEMBER 29 TO ASK IF CONGEN HAD ANY INFORMATION ON CANCELLATION OF VISAS FOR AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. HE SAID HIS NEW YORK OFFICE HAD CALLED TO INFORM HIM THAT THREE PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIMES HAD RECENTLY HAD THEIR PRC VISAS CANCELLED. THE THREE INCLUDE A DAUGHTER OF THE SULZBERGER FAMILY WHO PUBLISHES A NEWSPAPER IN LOUISVILLE, CRAIG CLAYBORN, FOOD EDITOR FOR THE TIMES, AND AUDREY TOPPING, WIFE OF SEYMOUR TOPPING AND DAUGHTER OF CANADIAN CHESTER RONNING. ALL HAD PLANNED VISITS THIS FALL. IN THE CASE OF THE SULZBERGER DAUGHTER, SHE HAD PLANNED TO VISIT CHINA AS PART OF A GROUP, AND THE REMAINDER STILL HAVE NOT HAD THEIR VISAS CANCELLED.

2. CONGENOFF TOLD BUTTERFIELD WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT PRC IS SINGLING OUT NEW YORK TIMES OR OTHER AMERICAN JOURNALIST FOR SPECIAL DISCRIMINATION AT THIS TIME BUT OFFERED TO CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT DEPARTMENT OR USLO CAN SHED ON THIS MATTER.  
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